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FEDERAL COURT'S SENSATIONAL JUDGMENT

Defence Rule 26 Declared Invalid

Will Gandhiji And Congress Detenus Be Released?

AMENDING ORDINANCE TO BE PROMULGATED?

NEW DELHI, April 22.

The Federal Court to-day held that Defence of India Rule 26, in its present form, went beyond the powers which the Legislature had thought fit to confer on the Central Govt. and was for that reason invalid.

It is estimated that about 8,000 persons are undergoing detention under Defence Rule 26, which the Federal Court declared invalid today. These persons include Mahatma Gandhi and members of the Congress Working Committee.

TEXT OF JUDGMENT

In the course of the judgment the Chief Justice Sir Maurice Gwyer said: "We recognise that our decision may be a cause of inconvenience and possibly of embarrassment, even though temporarily, to the Executive authority. We regret that this should be so, especially in these difficult times; but we express the earnest hope that greater care may be taken hereafter to secure that powers of this extraordinary kind which may affect, and indeed have affected, the liberty of so many of the King's subjects in India, may be defined with greater precision and exactitude, so as to reduce to as small a compass as possible the risk that persons may find themselves apprehended and detained, without legal warrant. And we desire also to draw the attention of those who have the power of making orders of detention to what we have thought it right to say with regard to obligation which lies on them to specify as clearly and accurately as they can the true grounds on which the order is made."

CASE REMITTED TO BOMBAY HIGH COURT

The appeal, which was against the refusal of the Bombay High Court to grant an order under Section 491 of the Cr. P. C. in the nature of a writ of 'Habeas Corpus' in order to quash an order for the detention of one Keshav Talpade under Defence of India Rule 26, was allowed, and the case remitted to the High Court of Bombay with a direction that the appellant's application might be disposed of in the light of the observations made in the judgment. Mr. G. N. Joshi, Advocate, appeared for the appellant while Mr. N. P. Engineer, Advocate-General, Bombay, appeared on behalf of the Crown.

After examining the language of Rule 26 and its enabling clause in the Act, namely Section 2 (2) (10), the Chief Justice said: "We are compelled to ask ourselves

(1) Whether 'reasonably suspected' in the rule-making power means suspected on grounds which are reasonable to the detaining authority or whether it means suspected on grounds which are in fact reasonable;

(2) Whether a statutory power to make a rule for the detention of persons reasonably suspected of being about to act in a certain way justifies the making of a rule which merely empowers Government to detain a person, if it is satisfied that with a view to preventing him from acting in such a way, it is necessary to do so.

LIBERTY OF THE SUBJECT

The judgment went on: "We approach the consideration of these questions with the anxiety which a court of justice must always feel where the liberty of the subject is concerned; but we have at the same time to remember that the country is at war, and that in war it is known today, every Government in the world has found it necessary to arm itself with powers unthought of and often unknown in time of peace. And though it is well to remember that courts of law ought to abstain from harsh and ungenerous criticism of acts done in good faith by those, who bear the burden and responsibility of Government, especially in times of danger and crisis, we are not on that account, relieved from the duty of seeing that the Executive Government does not seek to exercise powers in excess of those which the Legislature has thought fit to confer upon it, however, drastic and far-reaching those powers may be, and however great the emergency which they are designed to meet.

COMPARISON WITH DORA

After pointing out the difference between Defence of India Rule 26 and the parallel rule in the Defence of Realm Regulations in England "which the draftsman of both the Indian Act and the Rules had before him", Sir Maurice Gwyer said: "There is in the Indian Act no trace of an intention that any particular person or authority should exercise the power of detention. On the contrary the selection of those, who are to exercise these most important powers is left to be decided by the rules themselves i.e. by the Executive which makes the rules. The vast area of the Indian sub-continent, the wholly different problems of Government which are to be found there, and the existence of eleven provinces in addition to the Central Government, besides other subordinate governing authorities, no doubt made it a more difficult task to select in advance an individual or individuals in whom these powers might be vested, as was done in the United Kingdom; but, so far as we can see, there is nothing in the Act to prevent these powers being vested in any person or body, however insignificant. It is one thing to confer a power to make a regulation empowering the Home Secretary to detain any person, if he thinks it expedient to do so for a number of special reasons; it is another thing altogether to confer a similar power on any person whom the Central Government may by rule choose to select, or to whom the Central Government may by rule give powers for the purpose."

VESTING EXTRAORDINARY POWERS

Proceeding, His Lordship said: "It will be said that the Central Government must be trusted only to make any rules vesting this power in responsible persons or authorities. The Central Government has in fact vested them in itself and in the Provincial Governments, that is to say, the Governor-General-in-Council and the Governor and those who advise him, whether Ministers or others.

In the United Kingdom, the number of persons detained under Regulation 18B, according to public statements made from time to time, has not been so large as to make it impossible for the Secretary of State to consider personally each case. We may take judicial notice of the fact that the numbers in India on the other hand have been comparatively speaking very large; and it is difficult to suppose that the Governor-General-In-Council or the Governors with their advisers have always been able to give their personal attention to each case; so that the decision must have been left in very many instances, to put it no higher, to officials, sometimes no doubt highly placed, but not necessarily so.

RULE-MAKING POWER

In these circumstances, those in whom the legal right is vested might not always find it easy to form an opinion whether the person apprehended or detained is reasonably suspect or not."

Turning to the question whether the statutory power to make a rule for the detention of persons reasonably suspected of being about to act in a certain way justified the making of a rule which empowered a Government to detain a person, if it is satisfied that with a view to preventing him from acting in that way it is necessary to do, the Chief Justice said: "We need hardly point out the divergence between Rule 26 and Paragraph (10) of Section 2 (2) of the Act, which is clearly intended to be the authority for making it. The Act authorises the making of a rule for detention of persons reasonably suspected of being about to act; the rule would enable the Central Government or any Provincial Government to detain a person about whom it need have no suspicions, reasonable or unreasonable, that he is about to act in any prejudicial manner at all. The Government has only to be satisfied that with a view to preventing him from acting in a particular way it is necessary to detain him. A Government may come to the conclusion that it would be wiser to take no risks and, therefore, may subject a person to preventive detention, against whom there is no evidence that he is about to do anything; and Rule 26 gives them power so to act."

CONDITION PRECEDENT

We can find nothing in Paragraph (10) which justifies a rule in these terms. The Legislature might have conferred upon the Central Government the power to making so wide a rule, but we are clear that they have not yet done so. There is only power to make a rule providing for detention in a case where a person is reasonably suspected of being about to do a thing; that is a condition precedent to the exercise of the power. There is no power to detain a person, because the Government thinks that he may do something hereafter or because it thinks that he is a man likely to do it; there must be suspicions based on reasonable grounds that he is actually about to do it."

Victory For People

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 22.

The declaration of the Defence of India Rule 26 as invalid by the Federal Court is hailed with much satisfaction in political circles here. It is felt, the Federal Court has done the right thing in declaring such a comprehensive and arbitrary rule invalid.

It is pointed out, only yesterday the Allahabad High Court on the "habeas corpus" application moved by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru pronounced its judgment and its anability to afford any relief to any person where Rule 26 was applied by the executive.

General satisfaction is expressed that in the long-drawn-out struggle between the executive and the people over this Defence Rule, the latter have at last won.

Govt.'s Legal Experts Busy

Amending Ordinance To Be Promulgated?

NEW DELHI, April 22.

THE EFFECT OF THE FEDERAL COURT JUDGMENT IS UNDER EXAMINATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S LEGAL EXPERTS AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IS EXPECTED SOON.

IT IS GATHERED THAT THE FLAWS POINTED OUT ARE EASILY REMEDIED BY MEANS SUCH AS AN AMENDING ORDINANCE WITH RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT.—A. P.

Special Courts Ordinance 'Ultra Vires'

CALCUTTA, April 22.

The provisions of ordinance 11 of 1942, relating to the jurisdiction of special criminal courts over accused persons were declared 'ultra vires', by a special bench of the Calcutta High Court presided over by the Chief Justice, Sir Harold Derbyshire.

The validity of the ordinance as questioned in connection with a petition presented by Banoari Lal Sarma and 14 other police constables of Jessore against their conviction and sentence of two years' R.I. passed on them each by a Special Magistrate of Jessore acting under ordinance 11 (two) of 1942 under the D.I. Rules and certain sections of the I.P.C.

On December 22 last year they it was alleged, formed an unlawful assembly, assaulted certain police officers, prevented them from executing their duty, asked others to give up their jobs and threw away their own uniforms, etc.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The Chief Justice held that as the ordinance in section five, ten and sixteen permitted persons, other than duly authorised legislatures constituted under the Government of India Act, 1935 to repeal 'ad hoc' certain sections of the Cr. P.C. and of the letters patent of the High Court it was, so far, invalid.

The result was, declared the Chief Justice in passing orders in the case, that as the majority of the court as of the opinion that the accused had been convicted by a court which had no jurisdiction to deal with them and as the other member of the court was of the opinion that the tribunal under no circumstances could have jurisdiction over the accused, their conviction must be set aside.

The accused were directed to be released but to be rearrested and dealt with in ordinary courts according to the ordinary process of law.

His Lordship said that it would be for those in charge of this case to see that these persons were rearrested, brought before a Magistrate and dealt with.

His Lordship also drew the attention of the Magistrate to the provision relating to bail under Section 130 of the Defence of India Rules in the sense that Their Lordships did not suggest that these accused should have bail.

A certificate under Section 205 of the India Act for leave to appeal to the Federal Court was granted.

Section 2 Of Defence Of India Act

The following are relevant extracts from Section 2 of the Defence of India Act:—

2. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make such rules as appear to it to be necessary or experient for securing the defence of British India, the public safety, the maintenance of public order or the efficient prosecution of war, or for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-Section (1), the rules may provide for, or may empower any authority or person to make orders providing for all or any of the following matters, namely.

(x) The apprehension and detention in custody of any person reasonably suspected of being of hostile origin or association, or of having acted, acting or being about to act, in a manner prejudicial to the public safety or interest or to the defence of British India, the prohibition of such person from entering or residing or remaining in any area, and the compelling of such person to reside and remain in any area, or to do, or abstain from doing, anything.

RULE NO. 26

The following is the text of Rule No. 26.

26 (1) The Central Government, if it is satisfied with respect to any particular person that with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of war, to the defence of British India or to public order it is necessary so to do, may make an order:—

(a) directing such person to remove himself from British India in such manner, by such time and by such route as may be specified in the order, and prohibiting his return to British India;

(b) directing that he be detained;

(c) directing that, except in so far as he may be permitted by the provisions of the order, or by such authority or person as may be specified therein, he shall not be in any such area or place in British India as may be specified in the order;

(d) requiring him to reside or remain in such place or within such area in British India as may be specified in the order;

(e) requiring him to notify his movements in such manner at such times and to such authority or person as may be specified in the order;

(f) imposing upon him such restrictions as may be specified in the order in respect of his employment or business, in respect of his association or communication with other persons, and in respect of his activities in relation to the dissemination of news or propagation of opinions;

(g) prohibiting or restricting the possession or use by him of any such article or articles as may be specified in the order:

Provided that no order shall be made under clause (a) of this sub-rule in respect of any British Indian subject to His Majesty.

(2) The Provincial Government, if it is satisfied with respect to any particular person that, with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to public order, it is necessary to do, may make any of the orders specified in clauses (c) to (g) both inclusive of sub-rule (1).

Hand-To-Hand Fighting In Kuban Valley

German Attempt To Break Through Soviet Lines Foiled

LONDON, April 22.

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow wires: Soviet and German troops were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting in the Kuban valley early to-day.

The Germans with the support of tanks tried yet again to break through the Soviet line which is penning them in their last corner of the Caucasus.

To-day's Soviet "communique" described how they were met by mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire and sustained heavy losses. The Germans have increased their resistance considerably. Their counter-attacks launched in great strength are being not only held but definitely beaten back. In some sectors according to frontline dispatches, they are being forced to retreat.

The correspondent adds:—

The Germans are now attacking in considerable strength along the whole Kuban front from their left wing based on the sea at Azov coast to the rightwing based on the mountainous country in front of Novorossisk.

"The Germans have failed to improve their position in any sector," states a "Pravda" frontline despatch.

'Tazias' Not To Be Sunk In Padma Tirth Tank

WASIM, April 22.

A cable has been received from London that the Privy Council has held that the "Muslims have no right whatsoever in the tank Padma Tirth in Wasim, which is a sacred place of Hindus."

The Padma Tirth is a sacred tank of Hindus. In recent years Muslims had started immersing their 'Tazias' in the tank. The claim gave rise to disputes, both civil and criminal. In an appeal the Nagpur High Court held that the Muslims had such a right to immerse 'Tazias' from some of the Ghats. Against this, the Hindu community appealed to the Privy Council.

The Privy Council has also ordered the Muslims to pay the cost of the litigation throughout to the Hindus.—United Press.

R. A. F. ATTACK ON ARAKAN

NEW DELHI, April 22.

R.A.F. fighters and bombers kept up their attack on the enemy in Arakan, says an India Command Joint War communique". "Blenheims" bombed Tatlobyin Maungnama, Ngetpawchaung and Minhkonchaung, and at all four places bombs were seen to burst well in the Target area. Low-flying Hurricanes started fires in various parts of the battle area, inflicted casualties on enemy personnel and destroyed at least two wooden bridges.

None of our aircraft is missing.

In the morning, a force of enemy bombers, with fighter escort, made a high level attack on Imphal. The raiders were attacked by R.A.F. fighters, who probably destroyed one and damaged others without loss to themselves. Some damage was caused in one part of the town and a small number of casualties has been reported.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

New York, April 22.

Previous closing	19.96
To-day's opening	19.96
Difference	nil

The New York Cotton market will remain closed on Friday.

To-day's closing	20.04
Difference	+.08

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was quietly steady to-day.

LOANS

3 per cent Australian Commonwealth £102 1/4; 2 1/2 per cent British Consols £81 5/8; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £105 6/8; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 3/8; 4 per cent War Loan £113 5/8; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 5/16; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £100 7/8; 4 per cent Victory Bonds £114

RECORD RISE IN BULLION

AMRITSAR, April 22.

The Amritsar bullion market registered a record increase in the prices of silver and gold to-day. Silver touched Rs. 123 while gold was Rs. 92. There were very few sellers in the market to-day.

STOP PRESS

Amery Keeps Mum On Anti-Indian Bill

To a barrage of questions in the Commons to-day, concerning the anti-Indian legislation in South Africa, Mr. Amery, the Secretary of State for India said that he had no statement to make. Following repeated cries of "answer", Mr. Amery rose and said: "The matter is one which has been dealt with by the Government of the Union of South Africa."

Bhopal For Br. War Cabinet

Our London correspondent cables that owing to pressure of State duties, the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar will be unable to return to London. The name of the Nawab of Bhopal is mentioned as Jam Saheb's successor as Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar's colleagues in the British War Cabinet.

Von Arnim Takes Rommel's Place

Afrika Korps' H. Q. Moved To Sicily: British Win Battle Of Banana Ridge

NEW YORK, April 22.

Rommel is back in Germany suffering from a bad attack of malaria and nervous breakdown, according to a Stockholm despatch to the "New York Times" quoting well-informed quarters in Berlin.

The dispatch added that Von Arnim is now in command at the Afrika Korps Headquarters which have been moved to Sicily.

Battle For Takrouna

LONDON: An Algiers' broadcast to France said "several Axis positions have been taken by the Eighth Army at the point of the bayonet."

It adds "The enemy is launching counter-attacks without respite but the Allied forces are holding their positions steadily gaining ground along the ridges and reducing the enemy's defensive positions one by one.

Bitter fighting is going on for the possession of Takrouna."

BATTLE OF BANANA RIDGE.

Reuter's special correspondent with the British First Army wires: The British have decisively won the short sharp battle of Banana Ridge three miles east of Medjez El Bab begun by the Germans in moonlight shortly before midnight last night and ending soon after dawn this morning.

The infantry defending the ridge, British artillerymen, anti-tank gunners and tank crews gave the Germans such an unexpectedly hot reception that they had no alternative but to withdraw after losing between 20 and 30 of their tanks and suffering heavy infantry casualties.

Allied headquarters in North Africa.

To-day's "communique" says that the First Army beat off a heavy attack in the Medjez El Bab sector.

What Holders Of Ration Permits Should Do

The Director of Information, Bombay writes:

From Sunday April 25, deliveries will be made from Government godowns to holders of permits for commodities under Rationing. All permit holders have been informed of the day of the week on which deliveries will be made to them and the Government godowns at which they will be made. All holders of permits should present themselves at the godown fixed on the days allotted to them during the week commencing from April 25. The godowns are open between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

JUDGMENT IN CASE AGAINST TOTTENHAM RESERVED

Mr. R. B. Bevoor, Special Judge, Patna, reserved orders on the application filed on behalf of Mr. Jagat Narain Lal M.L.A., praying that a notice should be issued against Sir Richard Tottenham, Additional Secretary Home Department, Government of India.

SUPPORT TO S. AFRICAN INDIAN CAUSE

NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

The "Bombay Chronicle" has received the following cable from the Secretaries, Natal Indian Congress:—

Congress appreciates publicity given South African Indian cause through agent Kaji and remits 25 pounds donation. Post few copies issue containing subject matter—Secretaries Natal Indian Congress.

The following reply has been sent to the Secretaries, Natal Indian Congress, Durban:—

Deeply grateful for cable and remittance. "Chronicle" and allied papers will as ever continue support South African Indian cause. Have sent twenty-five pounds to Imperial Indian Citizenship Association. Copies of paper being sent—"Bombay Chronicle."

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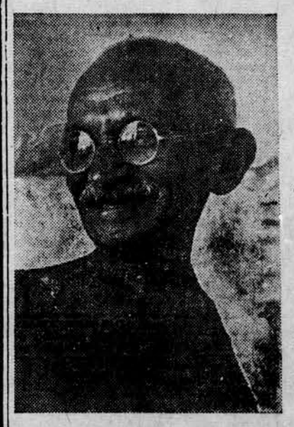

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RELEASE THEM ALL

The Federal Court has just given what may prove to be a historic decision and has vindicated its role as the protector of the people's civil liberties. The decision is that the notorious Defence of India Rule 26 in its present form goes beyond the powers which the Legislature thought fit to confer on the Central Government and is for that reason invalid. This decision automatically invalidates the detention of about 8,000 persons in India under the Rule. And the question arises as to how Government can make fair amends for the terrible injustice and illegality they have perpetrated. Before we consider this question let us see what the Rule is and wherein precisely it is invalid. The Rule as framed by the Government of India, authorises the Central Government to detain a person if it is satisfied that "with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of war, to the defence of British India or to public order, it is necessary so to do." It also empowers a Provincial Government to detain a person if it is satisfied that, with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to public order, it is necessary so to do. The Federal Court points out, however, that Section 2 of Defence of India Act which governs the making of Rules like the one in question, authorises the making of a rule for detention of persons "reasonably suspected" of being about to act prejudicially while Rule 28 would enable the Central Government to detain a person about whom it need have no suspicions, reasonable, or unreasonable, that he is about to act in any prejudicial manner at all. Under the Rule, says the Court, "the Government has only to be satisfied that with a view to preventing him from acting in a particular way it is necessary to detain him." The Federal Court, therefore, holds that the Rule goes beyond the limits of the enabling Act and is for that reason invalid in its present form. It is implied by the Court that the Rule would be valid if it authorised the detention of persons reasonably suspected of being about to act prejudicially. The Court also rightly suggests that hereafter those who have the power to issue orders of detention should "specify as clearly and accurately as they can the true grounds on which the order is made."

The question may now be considered, in the light of this decision, how the blunders of the past can be rectified and amends made and how similar blunders may be averted in the future. As regards the first point, it is elementary justice that those who were detained unlawfully under an invalid Rule must be forthwith released as a matter of course. That is the least that can be expected from any Government possessing any sense of justice. The invalid Rule should then be replaced by a valid one permitting the detention of only such persons as are reasonably suspected of being about to act prejudicially and requiring those who have the power to issue orders of detention to specify, in the words of the Federal Court, "as clearly and accurately as they can the true grounds on which the order is made." It should be understood that such detention without a trial should be in exceptional cases and should be subject to safeguards to prevent such abuse of the power as has been so frightfully common these many months.

According to an Associated Press message from Delhi the effect of the Federal Court's judgment is under examination by the legal experts of the Government of India and the announcement of Government's decision is expected soon. The message also adds that it is gathered that "the flaws pointed out are easily remedied by means such as an amending order with retrospective effect." The flaws pointed out by the Federal Court can certainly be remedied. But these flaws are not minor ones. They vitally affect the liberties of the people and we trust the legal "experts" of the Government of India, who, as the Federal Court judgment shows, have blundered egregiously in the past, will not suggest retrospective effect being given to an amendment of the rule and the Government will not be unwise enough to accept the suggestion. If the judgment of the Federal Court has any meaning in law or equity, it means that all persons detained under the old Rule 26, which has been declared invalid, must be released forthwith and that to give retrospective effect to any amendment of the rule in order to keep them in detention would be most unjust and inequitable. It would also be most impolitic and unstatesmanlike. The whole country has condemned these arrests and detentions and demanded the release of Gandhiji, the members of the Congress Working Committee and other Congressmen, so that the present political deadlock may come to an end. The judgment of the Federal Court affords the Government of India an opportunity of gracefully reorienting their policy. They must seize that opportunity.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Welcome Warning

Last year the Russians discovered that the Germans were toying with the idea of using poison gas on the southern front. A quick warning that there would be prompt retaliation in kind not only by Russia but also by her Allies made the Germans give it up. Apparently they are again contemplating that brutality. It is our belief that resort to poison gas will mark the conviction on the part of Nazis that their end has inexorably come. Being what they are this kind of dying revenge would afford them a characteristically brutal satisfaction even though it may inevitably bring more sufferings to their own people. There is still, however, a hope in the fundamental cowardice of the beast. Retaliation frightens him and he may also fear a violent reaction in Germany herself against him. Hence the renewal of Mr. Churchill's warning is welcome both as a gesture of solidarity with Russia and as a possible deterrent.

A Significant "Release"

A speech made by Mr. Winston Churchill at a private conference in October has just been released. It makes interesting reading as the Premier's view of what Hitler and Tojo should more wisely have done in order to win the war. There may be differences of opinion over Mr. Churchill's criticisms: Hitler and Tojo could not, it may be argued, for instance, allow two of the greatest countries of the world to gather tremendous strength unchallenged in their rear. But the main significance of the speech lies in the fact that a stale statement has been purposely released. Together with the lifting of the ban on church bells which were hitherto to ring only in the event of invasion, the release constitutes a declaration of Britain's complete confidence that Hitler has failed. But that every one knows—has known, in fact, since June 1941. This declaration may, therefore, also constitute an assurance that Britain is now contemplating the next stage, that is, an offensive seriously and for the imminent future.

"Ultra Vires" Again

A special Bench of the Calcutta High Court presided over by the Chief Justice, Sir Harold Derbyshire, has held that certain provisions of Ordinance 11 of 1942 relating to the powers of special Criminal Courts are "ultra vires" of the powers of the Governor-General. Mr. Justice Sen goes so far as to remark that "the Governor-General had misdirected himself as regards the conditions under which he was given powers to promulgate ordinances" and that the whole ordinance is invalid. As an appeal to the Federal Court against the decision of the High Court is about to be filed, we shall not consider here the legality of the ordinance as a whole or the particular provisions objected to by the High Court. But we cannot help remarking that it will be good for Government as well as the people if ordinances refrain from riding roughshod over well-known canons of justice.

Validity Of U. P. Tenancy Act Upheld

NEW DELHI, April 22.

The Federal Court to-day dismissed the appeal of Thakur Jagannath Baksh Singh against the decision of the Chief Court of Oudh with cost.

In this case the appellant challenged the validity of the U. P. Tenancy Act, 1939.

Indian Unity Group For Communal Settlement

"ANTI-NATIONAL PROPAGANDA MUST BE COUNTERACTED"

The Indian Unity Group, which was recently formed to consolidate the existing unity among Indian communities has its office at Scindia House, Dougal Road, Ballard Estate. Among the members of the group are Mr. N. M. Joshi, (President), Sir Purshottamdas, Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Madame Sophia Wadia, Mr. and Mrs. Baig, Mr. A. A. A. Faizee, Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarji, Dr. J. F. Balsara, Mr. Manu Subedar, Mr. V. L. Mehta, Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan, Mr. Wajid Mahmood, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Mrs. K. Sayani, Miss Amtul Salam, Mrs. Lukmani and Messrs. Jabir A. Ali and C. A. Buch for Secretaries has issued the following statement:—

The people of India have lived together with mutual understanding and great regard for each other, in spite of religious differences and some differences of social customs between various groups and communities. Differences of language, food dress and social customs have also existed among people of the same religion hailing from different provinces. Conditions of modern life are having the effect of bringing people closer and there are more things which unite the people of India than those which divide them.

But in recent times and, largely as a result of deliberate action on the part of the British publicists and of communal extremists of all sections, the unity of India is being threatened. Separate interests are being emphasised. Insted of identity being stressed, differences are constantly being exaggerated and it is also claimed that so wide are these differences that there is nothing in common between various sections of the Indian People and that common life and common existence are impossible.

This is not all. The cry of "Religion in Danger" is being raised and the stage is being prepared for conditions approximating to civil war and for a conflict whose outcome would be determined by force and violence.

FACTS MISCONCEIVED

All this is based on a misconception of fundamentals and a misrepresentation of facts. The time has, therefore, come, in the interests of the country as a whole, to expose this evil and to guide the thoughts of the public in the direction of communal harmony, co-operation and unity. Unity in India would be helped if institution are not sectional or communal, but national and secular.

In the political field the logical outcome of separate elections is now dragging the country towards partition. It will be the object of the Unity Group to inculcate that the highest good of the people of India lies in complete co-operation on a national and secular basis for all objects for which men and women can work together, such as the spread of education, the provision of recreation, the organisation of public utility and transport, the distribution of food, the safeguarding of health and social service.

It will be the purpose of every member of the Unity Group to affirm and to proclaim his disbelief in harmful separatist activities of all kinds and to exert himself by every legitimate means to spread among the public sound notions of Indian Unity. In condemning harmful communal activities, this group has no quarrel with members of the majority and minority communities, who are exerting themselves in order to secure suitable conditions and guarantees for their sections. It is only when the manner and the method of asserting claims for seeking the satisfaction of what they conceive to be their rights and interests are such as to imperil Indian Unity that they will stand condemned by this Group.

OBJECTS OF UNITY GROUP.

Any one who says that the people of India cannot live together and work together is postulating the continued presence of foreign rule. He is also rendering it impossible not only now, but at any time in the future under any conditions, for the people of India to live and work together as free men. Such a conception is historically wrong so far as India is concerned. Apart from this, minorities differing from the majority in religion, language or social customs, exist in many countries, which claim full nationhood. Minorities will exist in India even after such partition as is being proposed by certain people. What is wanted, therefore, is a spirit of good-will and tolerance towards the minorities as well as due safeguards to protect their interests. It is possible to solve the problem of minorities on a basis and in a manner entirely satisfactory to them without parcelling out the country into territorial units based on creeds. The problem will not be completely and satisfactorily solved in India as it is not to be solved in any other part of the world by partition of territories. This Group will, however, help all efforts towards bringing about a settlement of the communal problem in the political field on any basis provided such a settlement is acceptable to all concerned.

The Indian Unity Group has been established.

(a) to facilitate in all possible ways a satisfactory and abiding settlement of communal differences in India, especially, in the political field; and

(b) to foster and strengthen the consciousness of unity amongst the different communities of India by emphasising the identity of political, economic, social cultural and educational interests, and by taking all practicable measures in these directions.

To sum up the object of the Unity Group is thus to point to the truth of the existing unity among the Indian communities. Interested parties put undue emphasis on communal differences and it will be the task of this organisation to counteract such propaganda. Its members will do all in their power to discourage views and activities which tend to destroy the underlying unity subsisting between all communities in India.

AMERY ON FUTURE GOVT. OF BURMA

Tribute To Indian Troops' Record In All Theatres Of War

LONDON, April 22.

The Secretary of State for Burma Mr. Amery was invited in the Commons to-day to state the Government's intentions regarding the future Government of Burma, whether constitutional alterations are under consideration and whether he would consider a more precise announcement to the Burmese regarding the British Government's intentions.

Mr. Amery replied "the aim of His Majesty's Government is to assist Burma to attain complete self-Government within the British Commonwealth as soon as circumstances permit. This policy has been repeatedly declared. No more precise announcement is possible in the present circumstances especially as it is impossible to foresee what the conditions will be when the liberation of Burma from the Japanese invader has taken place."

Answering Mr. Sorensen (Labour) who asked if consideration of the future constitution for Burma is taking place Mr. Amery replied: "We have made it clear to the Burmese people what our general intentions are. But the present circumstances do not allow of any more precise statement".

Indian Troops' Record

WESTMINSTER: The Fourth Indian Division is now adding fresh laurels to its record in Tunisia, Mr. Amery told the Commons amid cheers. Asked by Lt. Col. Sir Thomas Moore to what extent and in what theatres of war Indian troops are now employed, Mr. Amery said "I welcome this opportunity to pay a tribute to the gallant and important part played by the Indian Army in many theatres of war. Indian troops are now serving in the United Kingdom, Tunisia, the Middle East, Iraq, Iran, East Africa and Ceylon in addition to India and the India-Burma Frontier. Previously, as is well-known, they served in France and played a prominent part in the Libyan, Eritrean, Abyssinian and Syrian campaigns and the forestalling of Raschid Ali's 'coup detat' in Iraq and the Axis machinations in Iran. Indian divisions played a prominent part in Malay where they bore the brunt of the early fighting. Indian troops also fought in Borneo and Hongkong. In the prolonged and gallant rearguard actions of the Burma campaign our forces were mainly Indian.

In speaking of these Indian formations I do not wish it to be forgotten that the Indian formations contain a proportion of British troops.

LEAGUE SESSION WILL OPEN TO-DAY

Bombay Resolution To Be Reaffirmed?

NEW DELHI, April 22.

The session of the All-India Muslim League, which opens here to-morrow is expected to set up a sub-committee of its Working Committee to plan an effective programme of economic and social uplift of Indian Muslims.

The main official resolution on the present political situation in India, will probably follow the lines of the Bombay resolution of the League, which expounded the conditions on which the League was prepared to form a provisional Government for India. Other resolutions will relate to the administration of martial law in Sind and anti-Indian legislation in South Africa.

To-morrow's meeting of the Working Committee is expected to consider non-official resolutions and decide which of them should be placed before the subject committee for its consideration.—A. P.

NEWSPRINT SHORTAGE

How American Papers Solve Problem

Paper is going to war, which means that in 1943 there will be less of it on the news-stands. Reasons: 1) because of manpower and electric-power shortages, mills are not making as much paper as they did; 2) transportation difficulties mean less paper can be moved from mills to publishers; 3) the armed forces will use in 1943 roughly 1,000,000 more tons of paper of all sorts than they used in 1942.

To find out how U. S. newspaper publishers intend to solve the paper problem "Editor and Publisher" recently queried hundreds of them, got answers indicating they intend to save in varied ways: by going tabloid, publishing only five days a week, eliminating special editions and extras," reducing the amount of space now devoted to sports and society news, reducing headline sizes, reducing the size of body type, editing stories more tightly, refraining from publishing on holidays, raising advertising rates to reduce advertising volume without incurring losses, cutting out circulation in non-profitable "fringe" district, reducing widths of margins and column rules, eliminating special Sunday sections, dropping such features as "church pages." Many magazines will use lighter-weight paper than they have been using. Some will pare margins.

Many a publisher already had the ball rolling. The Kansas City "Star" has changed the appearance of its inside pages by reducing head sizes, explaining that newsprint shortage was the cause. Portland's "Oregon Journal" on Jan. 1 eliminated big inside headlines and ordered smaller picture cuts used. New York "Times" Managing Editor Edwin L. James said the "Times" would drop no departments but would tighten up all over. The "Times", he said, saw the handwriting on the wall long ago, has already reduced its average daily size four pages with few complaints from readers.

For the first quarter of 1943, U. S. newspaper publishers will get only as much print paper (newsprint, retogravure stock, etc.) as they used for their net paid circulation in the same period of 1941, plus 3 per cent. extra to allow for wrappers, press room "spoils," news-stand returns. Result will be an approximate 10 per cent. cut in the tonnage of paper the publishers use.* After that the restriction may be increased. Just as there will be fewer cars on the road and fewer radios for sale in 1943, there will be fewer words to read.

*British papers are now limited to 19-1/2 per cent. of the weight of paper they used in 1939, print mostly four— or six—rarely eight—) page editions. —USOWI.

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at Chetput in the early hours of this morning. The Madras Fire Services were soon on the spot and extinguished the fire in a short time. The damage was slight, some clothing belonging to the Secretariat watchmen and some bedding being burnt and a few articles of furniture charred.

KAIRA BUILDINGS FORFEITED

KAIRA, April 22: The District Magistrate of Kaira has notified that it is proposed to forfeit the articles found in the Seva Mandir Building used by the Kaira Zilla Samittee or the Kaira Zilla Satyagraha Samittee and the Nadiad Taluka Samittee or the Nadiad Taluka Satyagraha Samittee, to His Majesty and called upon the public who have any representation to make to do so before May 2.

The articles include small cash in currency and coins, a number of khaddar dress pieces and piecegoods, spinning cotton, ladies wear including bangles, etc.

It may be mentioned that the Seva Mandir Building was notified by the Government of Bombay on October 21, 1942 under the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1908, and the District Magistrate took possession of the place and also of all the movable property found therein.

Curfew Extended In Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, April 22.

The curfew has been extended by a further period of one week, the time and area being the same as before.

JAIL FOR MAHAKOSHAL CONGRESSMEN

JUBBULPORE, April 22.—Pandit Laxmi Shanker Bhatt, office secretary of the Mahakoshal Provincial Congress Committee, and Babcolal were sentenced to six months' R. I. under the Defence of India Rule for being in possession of alleged prejudicial documents.

BIHAR VILLAGE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY BILL

PATNA, April 22.—Collective responsibility for protecting communications and Government property situated in certain areas in the province is sought to be imposed on the inhabitants of those areas by a bill proposed to be enacted by the Governor entitled "the Bihar Village Collective Responsibility bill 1943" which is published for eliciting opinion by May. 10.

CHINESE MISSION AT ANKARA

ANKARA, April 22.

A Chinese Military Mission composed of Generals Kung Hsu and King Chen has arrived from Cairo after a visit to the North Africa Front.

The mission will stay for several days at Ankara.—Reuter.

Acquitted But Re-arrested

Fate Of Young Men From Assam

(THROUGH A. P. & U. P.)

NOWGONG (Assam), April 20.

Dhanpur Laskar and Manik Chandra Bora, two young men of Kampur, who were accused along with others in connection with an offence under Section 126 of the Railway Act, were discharged by Mr. A. Dam, Senior First Class Magistrate, Nowgong. They were, however, re-arrested under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules immediately after their discharge.

Dutiram Sakia, who was acquitted by the same Magistrate of a charge under Section 17 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, was also re-arrested by the police under Section 129. Defence of India Rules.

COMMUNIST SENT TO JAIL

SYLHET, April 20: Mr. Nirendra Nath Deb, a Communist worker, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for making a demonstration at Dhakadakshmin (Sylhet), on the 26th January last, in connection with the Independence Day."

NOWGONG ARRESTS

NOWGONG (Assam), April 20: The police have arrested 41 persons in different parts of the District of Nowgong during last week for alleged political offences.

SEARCHES AND ARRESTS AT SURAT

SURAT, April 22: Four persons have been sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment each on a charge of leading an unauthorised procession.

A report received from Dohad says that the post-box attached to the head post office at Dohad was set on fire resulting in some letters being burnt.

A report received from Bhavnagar says that 500 students of Sanatan Dharma High School have gone on strike as a protest against the increase of the school fees.

A report from Nadiad says that Vallabh Nivas was searched and some printing materials and 'patrikas' seized. Mr. Harilal Vallabhdas was arrested under the Defence of India Rules

MADRAS SECRETARIAT AFIRE

MADRAS, April 20: A small fire broke out in one of the rooms in the ground floor of the building occupied by the Secretariat Offices

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TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Paying a tribute to Russian strength, Sir Francis (Low) said that had it not been for Russia, the British Empire would have had a very poor chance against Germany. He would not be surprised if the second land front turned out this year to be largely in the nature of a major diversion.

—Local Report.

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Never since August 9 has India been faced with such a crisis as has burst upon her now and never before has she as also the United Nations, felt the need of the Governor-General, Sir Reginald Maxwell and others rising promptly and to the full necessary height to save her and the great cause. We, therefore, urgently appeal to them to do so at once.

An Ordinance must immediately be promulgated to suppress the Federal Court of India, the High Court at Fort William and such other courts High and low, as may afford reasonable grounds for the suspicion, that is, stisfaction that they are about to commit a prejudicial act.

The safety of India, the safety, indeed of the United Nations demands it and the Governor-General in Council must forthwith award it.

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The growing conviction that the British Commonwealth—a term not altogether popular with Mr. Churchill himself—of Nations is of no use to India is characterised by Anglo-India as "a rash assumption."

It is, perhaps, rash in the sense that India has yet to be able to decline the honour with or without thanks.

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A British paper points out that investigation tours made in the last few months by Turkish journalist in Allied and Axis countries have greatly contributed to enlightenment of Turkish public opinion.

They sure have.

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In the new reshuffle of the Japanese Cabinet General Tojo adds another portfolio to his former two, says a report.

Obviously Tojo is going the way of Mussolini.

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Mr. Anthony Eden has announced that the shackling of British prisoners of war continues in Germany.

It won't much longer if General Alexander hurries up and captures Rommel's Germans.

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An Australian authority declares that Australia's man-power position is "very grave".

The wordpower position, however, remains satisfactory.

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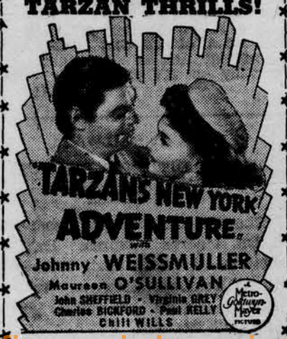

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, April 22.

SHARES: The local Stock Exchange was firm with active buying in Cotton Mill shares. Steel shares were sympathetically steady but buying was not anxious. The market was influenced by firmness of other markets. Tata Steel Defds advanced to Rs. 1892 and reacted to Rs. 1872 while Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 399 after touching Rs. 402. Bombay Dyeings were firm at Rs. 2037/8 after touching Rs. 2045, while Century shares was quoted at Rs. 888. Tone was steady.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Advance 497/8; Apollo Mills 6/8; Bharat Mills 99; Bom Dyeing 2040; Cent India 514; Century 888; Colaba Land 293; Dawn 1595; E D ord 21/8; do defd 4/8; Edward Sassoon 552/8; Elphinstone 108; Finlay 397; Gokak 415; Hindustan 4140; Ind Bleaching 272; Ind Manfg 4500; Indore Malwa 1360; Khatau 680; Kohinoor 850; Lakshmi 1645; Madhowji 33/4; Minerva 291/4; Model Nagpur 382/8; Madhusudan 672/8; Meyer Sassoon 230; Morarji 1135; Mysore 336/4; New City 472/8; New Great 484; Phoenix 870; Podar Mill 377/8; Sassoon Spg 31/12; Sassoon Silk 115; Sholapur 1050; Shri Nivas 495; Simplex 336; Svadeshi 639; Swan 376; Tata Mills 106; Vishnu 2900; Western India 3720.

COTTON: Yesterday after the close the local market flared up on unfounded rumours that hedge contracts will continue and only option business will be banned. Prices advanced suddenly to Rs. 574 for May delivery. This sort of private business does not do credit to the Association and something must be done to check selfish speculative manipulations. The market opened to-day at Rs. 569 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 567 under scattered selling. At this level there was renewed buying and May advanced to Rs. 574/8. Later there appeared increased realising and prices declined to Rs. 567. Small rally to Rs. 569/8 was again followed by selling and prices quietened at Rs. 568. Towards the close there was some covering and prices improved. The market closed at 5 p.m. with May Rs. 571/8 and July Rs. 583/8.

BULLION: Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d and New York spot silver was quoted at 44 3/4 cents. The local market being erratic no fresh business was done and 'Havala' business was being done freely. The market has become risky owing to utter absence of selling. Ready gold Rs. 88, Ready silver Rs. 122.

SEEDS: The local seeds market was fairly steady to-day with moderate business. Groundnuts May were quoted at Rs. 109/6 while August after opening at Rs. 115/8 declined to Rs. 115/2 advanced to Rs. 115/8 and reacted to Rs. 115/12. Castorseeds May were quoted at Rs. 105/8 and September were done at Rs. 111/8. Linseed May was quoted at Rs. 12/6/6 and September was done at Rs. 13/2/9. Tone was steady. Closing quotations: Groundnuts May opening Rs. 109, highest Rs. 109/10, lowest Rs. 108/9. closing Rs. 109/8. August opening Rs. 115/8, highest Rs. 116/10, lowest Rs. 115/2. closing Rs. 116/6. Castorseeds May opening Rs. 104/4, highest Rs. 105/8, lowest Rs. 104/4, closing Rs. 105, September opening Rs. 110/12, highest Rs. 112/8, lowest Rs. 110/12, closing Rs. 111/8. Linseed May Rs. 12/4/9 and September Rs. 13/2/6.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Tata Ordinary 401; Tata Deferred 1980; Indian Iron 37/2; Steel Corpn of Bengal 26/2; Bombay Dyeing 3040; Central India 517/8; Century 891/14; Gokak 415; Kohinoor 865; Simplex 337; Andhra Valley 1840; Tata Hydro 190; Tata Power xd 1790; Associated Cement 237; Belapur 250; Bombay Burma (old) 330.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Govt. Securities: 2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99/2; 3 1/2 per cent G P Note 94; 3 per cent 1949-52 Loan 100/8; 3 per cent 1951-54 Loan 99/14; 3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103/14; 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 95/8; 4 per cent 1943 Bond 100/7; 4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 110/7; 4 1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 114/2; 3 per cent 1946 Def Loan 102/14.

Corp. Debentures: 4 per cent B P T 1974 109; 4 per cent M Deb 1974 109/12; 5 per cent M Deb 1959 118; 6 per cent 1954 128; 6 per cent K P T 1956 128.

Tax-free Loans: 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 108/3; 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 109; 6 per cent Mysore 1955 128.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 22.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	.....	110,227	75,948
Central India	.....	47,330	29,664
Barsi and Nagar	66	41,249	52,127
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	21,116	14,471
Berar	.....	206,324	175,425
Central Provinces	146	24,292	85,810
Total Oomras	212	454,538	433,435
Dholeras	.....	30,993	30,639
N W Provinces	.....	602	1,021
Rajputana	.....	44	402
Sind-Punjab	1,945	618,846	395,038
Broach	602	94,925	304,964
Coompta and Dharwar	901	73,529	9,945
Westerns-Northerns	.....	20,764	8,643
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	.....	15,479	10,376
Arrived by road to 15th April 1943	.....	36,000	92,500

ACTIVE DEMAND FOR SPOT COTTON

Bombay, April 22.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following report:—

In Bombay we have had an interesting Futures market. Up till closing time yesterday evening when the Options for this month ran out there had been little fluctuation as the Option dealers had been successful in keeping the lid on the market, but no sooner was the Option settlement over than prices promptly jumped the best part of twenty rupees. At the lower level the Bombay Futures market was definitely below parity with other markets in India especially Karachi, which instead of being below the Bombay level, a day or two ago was actually several rupees over Bombay. Recently we had been told that Options had the effect of putting up prices but here we have a case when the reverse has been happening. However, we fully agree with the President of the East India Cotton Association that Option dealing should be prohibited for the duration of the war.

During the week there has not been an active demand for Spot cotton but the basis has held very firm for all better styles. The general price level has been influenced firstly by the fact that our Futures prices were relatively too low as compared with actual cotton. The share market, the Bullion market and most other commodity markets have been strong and activ, and the advance of yesterday evening did not come as a surprise. The Option dealers who had been depressing prices very wisely started to cover their short sales for the Jerilla contract as reflected in our Futures market was too low. It was realised that there would be very little cotton to be tendered against the May Contract as actual cotton fetches a much better price in the Spot market.

Importers are still awaiting receipt of import licenses for their foreign cotton purchases and it is hoped and believed these will be received at an early date. Meantime there has been very little doing in this section of the market except for an occasional lot in the ready market.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, April 22.

Sugars and Breweries: Deccan Big 265 do Small 62/4; India sugar 13/10; Mysore sugar 63/8; South India 13/10.

Plantings: Cochin Malabar 19/14; Chembra Peaks 14/4; High Produce 62/8; Kalpettas 52/12; Kalasa 17/8; Malankara 114; Nellithanam 21/4; Nellimpathy Hills 9; Ouchterlony 15; Periakaramalai 36; Vaikundam 29/8; Vellamalai 27/12; Vellitam 41/8; Woodlands 20.

Textiles: B and C ord 304; Cambodia cd 42/4; Coimbatore Spg cd 347; Dhanalakshmi 575; Janardhana 216; Kaleeswarar xd 730; Kothari Tex 36; Lakshmi 303; Mettur 317/8; Palani Andavar cd 347; Vasantha 350.

Miscellaneous: Andhra Cement 58; Ind St. Roll 8/7; Madras Safe 39; Mysore Paper 25/4; Mettur Chem 27/4; do new 19/12; do defd 11; Singareni 10/12; Spencer 7/10.

The Madras Stock Exchange Association will remain closed for Easter holidays from Friday, the 23rd to Monday the 26th instant, both days inclusive.

Editors' Conference Postponed

The Secretary, Bombay Committee, All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference writes:

The Conference of Bombay city and provincial editors which was convened for April 24 and 25, is

City And Suburbs

TO-DAY

Hindu: Chaitra Vad 3, 1999
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akhar 17, 1362
Parsi: Avan 21, 1312
Sunrise: 7-17 a.m. Sunset 7-56 p.m.
Hightide: 1-22, 14-14, Lowtide 7-27, 20-02

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

MAZDAZNAN: Reading from Ancient Records by Mother Gloria at 6-15 p.m. at Mazdaznan Hall, opposite Churchgate Station.

KALYAN SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION: Srirama Navami Utsavam. Kumari V. Lakshimi—Vocal, Mr. Jalpesan—Hormonium, Mr. Sundaram—Mridangam and Mr. Parameswaran—Gangira. at 6 p.m. in Borgaonkar Hall, Kalyan.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Reincarnation" from The Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge. Jehangir Wadia Bldg. Flora Fountain. 6-15 p.m.

ST. MARY'S ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL: Annual Prize Distribution, school lawn, Nesbit Road, Mazagaon. Saturday 24th at 6 p.m. Mr. Leo Rodrigues, Administrator General, will preside, and Mrs Rodrigues will distribute prizes.

SARASWAT UNION: The annual gathering of the Saraswat Union (Bombay North) will be held on Friday 23rd and Sunday 25th when the following programme is arranged Cinema show at Kohinoor Cinema on Friday at 9-30 a.m. Music Concert at Vanamali Hall on Sunday at 9 a.m. Gathering at Vanamali Hall on Sunday at 3-30 p.m.

N. W. F. PROGRAMME: At War Services Exhibition on Friday 23rd April 1943. 1. Powada by Master M J. Joshi; 2. Vocal music by Behram Khan 6-30 to 7 p.m.; 3. Talk by Mr. B. K. Karanjia on "Hitler's Enslavement of German people" 7 to 7-30 p.m.; 4. Vocal music by Mr. V. D. Joglekar 7-30 to 9 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICE: Special Good Friday service according to Mar Thoma Syrian Rites by Rev Varughese at the Holy Redeemer Church, Dadar (G.I.P.) at 8-30 a.m.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION: Mr. K. A. Abbas will deliver a public lecture on "Soviet Films" on Saturday, 24th April, at 6-45 p.m. at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Choupatty. Mr. Gajanan Jagirdar will preside.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Sixtieth birthday anniversary of Swami Ramdas at the Blavatsky Lodge between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to-day. Speeches by Dastur Framroze Bode, Mr F. J. Ginwalla and others.

KARNATAK SANGH: Mr. U. Bhujangrao donated Rs. 1,000 to the Karnatak Sangh, Bombay for the purpose of expanding the Kannada library maintained by the Sangh.

GOVERNOR ENTERTAINED

H. E. The Rt. Hon. Sir John Colville, was the guest of honour at an "At Home" held in his honour by Mr Purshotamdas Iswardas, President and members of the Managing Committee of the Society of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates of Bombay at the Willingdon Sports Club on Thursday evening.

Sir John Colville was received at the entrance by Mr. Purshotamdas Iswardas and introduced to the members of the Managing Committee.

After refreshments, the Governor spent some time among the Honorary Magistrates and talked with them in regard to the court work.

Among those present were also Mr. H. F. Knight, Mr. I. H. Taunton, Advisers to the Governor, Sir J. Beaumont, Chief Justice, Mr. H. E. Butler, Police Commissioner, Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate and other stipendiary magistrates.

Dissection Work In G. S. Medical College

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay Municipal Corporation at its meeting on Thursday afternoon referred back to the Medical Relief Committee the question of permission being granted to the students of Maharastra Ayurved Maha Vidhyalaya for doing dissection work in the G. S. Medical College. An amendement to this effect moved by Mr. D. V. Pradhan against the resolution of Mr. R. K. Tatnis recommending the Medical Committee's report to be approved was carried.

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CIVIL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. M. A. Patel, Mamlatdar of Jalalpore Taluka, Surat Dist. to officiate as Dy. Collector, B. S. District, vice Rao Sahib M. B. Parikh.

Mr. G. S. Rajadhyaksha, on return from leave, to be Dist. and Sessions Judge, Poona, vice Mr. V. B. Raju.

Mr. R. R. Karnik, LL.B. to be Assistant Judge from 1st March, 1943.

Mr. G. H. Astle, I.C.S., on completion of training in High Court, Bombay, to be Asst. Judge and Assistant Sessions Judge, Ahmednagar, vice Mr. R. S. Vaze.

Mr. R. S. Vaze, on relief, to officiate as Assistant Judge and Extra Additional Sessions Judge, Thana.

Mr. J. T. Tanner to be Dy. Inspector-General of Police.

Moshaira At Bandra

A grand "moshaira" was held at the Town Hall, Bandra, on the night of the 20th instant, when Miyan Muhammad Din presided. Many poems were recited by local poets as well as by those who had come from up-country like Jigar, Ehsan Danish, Mahir-ul-Qadiri, Akhtar Sherani and others. This "moshaira" was held under the auspices of the Halqai-Adab Bombay Branch it continued till 3 a.m.

MADRAS BAN ON 'APNA GHAR'

The Hindi and Marathi versions of the film "Apna Ghar" have been declared uncertified by the Government for exhibition in the Madras Presidency.—A. P.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

There have arrived at the office of the F. A. B. a few Russian documentary films, which one of my most reliable Gestapo Agents has described as "first class." There is no question of doubt that these pictures have arrived but what is uncertain is their showing to the Indian public. There seems to be some doubt on this point, which is almost suspicious. I can quite understand the F. A. B.'s reluctance to show these pictures for they might be in too great a contrast with what is produced in the name of propaganda here. The last F. A. B. short I saw was the one shown during Red Cross week, which made me feel ashamed of myself as an Indian. I will not mention the name of the studio that was responsible for this production. But here are some top-class Russian pictures and I feel that some pressure ought to be brought upon the F. A. B. to show them. Incidentally, though this is very hush-hush, is there any truth in the rumour, also very hush-hush that the F. A. B. or I. F. I. as it is called now, may be closing down?

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General knowledge question: Which of the following if any, is Beverley Nichol?

(a) A Hollywood residential area.
(b) A well-known book.
(c) A flower.
(d) A parrot.
(e) A purple sari.
(f) An author.
(g) A flat foot.

(Answers will kindly be sent direct to the editor of the "Times of India", which started this kind of .....).

CINEMA

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AND TARZAN

Main Attractions At Local Cinemas

By T. V. P.

The thousands of Tarzan fans will experience a peculiar thrill when they visit Metro this week and see him, his fiancee and son in civilised American apparel in New York.

20th Century Fox present the story of a girl devoted to her father through thick and thin, even when he is responsible for a good deal of irresponsible behaviour, will be shown in Eros this week. Ida Lupino plays this role and the father is Monty Wooley of the "The Man Who Came to Dinner" fame. A different kind of picture is this.

New Empire presents Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush" as a talkie. The commentary of this funny picture is spoken by Chaplin himself and the picture was directed by him also. What more recommendation is necessary?

Excelsior presents "Are Husbands Necessary?" an enjoyable comedy in which Ray Milland and Betty Field are starred. The story deals with the usual love triangle concerning two girls and one boy.

"Pacific Blackout" is being released at Regal with Robert Preston and Martha O'Driscoll in stellar roles. It is a thrilling comedy of our own day as the name indicates. "King's Row", a drama of small town life made by Warner Brothers is being revived at Strand. It had become very popular during its first run at Metro.

Capitol is celebrating an Errol Flynn week by releasing pictures in which he is starred. There is a change every day. Thus on Friday "Captain Blood" will be shown; on Saturday "Dodge City" on Sunday "The Sea Hawk" on Monday "Santa Fe Trail"; on Tuesday, "The Sisters"; on Wednesday "Virginia City" and on Thursday "Footsteps in the Dark."

"My Gal Sal" is being revived at Palace and "the Great Dictator" at Paradise (Mahim).

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR M. P. PACHKHANAVALA

Munchersha Pochkhanawala, the veteran Parsi actor and director, who is to have a benefit performance on Friday at Ballwala Theatre, Tardeo in appreciation of his unique service to the Indian stage during about 35 years past, when 'Bapna Shrap' will be staged —making a centenary performance of the popular drama.

('Phone 35017) THE REGAL Nightly at 4, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
Robert PRESTON Martha O'DRISCOLL
"PACIFIC BLACKOUT"
One Crowded Hour of Glorious Life!
SUNDAY 10-30 a.m. "ZAZA" with CLAUDETTE COLBERT, HERBERT MARSHALL

('Phone 20422) CAPITOL Nightly at 4, 6-30 & 9-30
ERROL FLYNN WEEK!
TO-DAY: "CAPTAIN BLOOD"

SATURDAY	"DODGE CITY"	SUNDAY:	"SEA HAWK"
MONDAY	"SANTA FE TRAIL"	TUESDAY:	"THE SISTERS"
WEDNESDAY	"VIRGINIA CITY"	THURS:	"FOOTSTEPS IN THE DARK"

SUNDAY 10-30 A.M. "THE OLD MAID" BETTE DAVIS

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Wanted from June 1943 (1) for the Seth T. J. English-School, Thana trained Science and Arts Graduates, Under-Graduates, Hindustani and P. T. Teachers Kandivali-trained. (2) for R.A.V. High School, Ghatkopar, Graduate teachers Hindustani and Kandivali Trained P. T. Teacher Sewing and knitting and Girls' P. T. mistress and one Librarian. Apply immediately to Principal, Ramji Ashar Vidyalaya, Ghatkopar, before 5th May stating qualifications, experience training and salary expected. (1357)

Wanted an experienced Telephone Clerk at reasonable salary. Apply: Personel Secretary, Devkaran Nanjee. 4281

Wanted Typists for a Government office in Bombay. Scale of pay Rs. 45-45-5/2-90 plus dearness allowance which is at present Rs. 10. Posts temporary at present but likely to be made permanent. Minimum speed required 40 words per minute. Apply stating age, qualifications and experience, etc. Box No. 4279, "Bombay Chronicle", before 1st May. Selected candidates required to appear for speed test at their own expense.

Wanted a Tutor and Governess for two children of a noble family of Jodhpur State. They are to be coached up privately for Senior Cambridge. Pay according to qualifications. Boarding and lodging free. Preference will be given to a lady tutor. Apply to Box No. 4168, "Bombay Chronicle."

68. FLATS TO LET

A Nice Flat, off Dadar G. I. P. Station, available immediately. Write sharp Box No. 1349 "Bombay Chronicle."

327. AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Stockists and Agents to push the sale of Mojza Dental Powder on Liberal terms. Particulars from The Jupiter Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works, P. B. 86, Lucknow. (1344)

Wanted—Experienced and influential parties for the Bombay Presidency as Chief Agents on Liberal terms. Apply:— India Oriol Assurance Co., Ltd., Post Box 36, Amritsar. 4060

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Are you married or about to be married? We will teach you exactly what you require. Particulars free. H.H. Stores, Delhi. (1331)

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G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE DECCAN QUEEN

IN MODIFICATION of the Notice which appeared in this paper on the 20th April 1943 it is notified that the DECCAN QUEEN will run from Poona to Bombay (Victoria) on Saturday the 24th April 1943, and will also run from Bombay (Victoria) to Poona on the same afternoon returning from Poona to Bombay (Victoria) on MONDAY, the 26th April, 1943, as already notified.

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NOTICE

THE NEW SWASTIK LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ADJOURNED EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the NEW SWASTIK LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Company's Registered Office at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay on WEDNESDAY, the 28th April, 1943, at 5 P.M (S T.)

By Order of the Board,
(Sd.) P. D. CHURI.
Managing Director.

Bombay, 21-4-43.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

Hydraulic Engineer's Department

TENDERS accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 600|- for the conversion of the three existing 48" diameter hydraulically operated Blakeborough Sluice Valves to hand-operated Sluice Valves are invited and will be received upto 1 P. M. (Bombay Time) on the 16th day of June, 1943.

Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Tenders for the Conversion of Hydraulically Operated Sluice Valves to hand-operated required by the Hydraulic Engineer's Department" and addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc. will be issued on payment of Rs. 5|- to any one deputed to receive them by the Undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.

Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort.
Bombay, 9-4-43.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office, BOMBAY.
Opening its Branch at
MANEK CHOWK
AHMEDABAD
TO-DAY
and
the Second Branch at MASKATI CLOTH MARKET will follow shortly.

N. C. KHORANA,
Managing Director.

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THE INDIAN PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE CO., LTD.. POONA 2.

NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Policyholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, (No. 45, Saraswati Vilas Building, Laxmi Road, Poona 2) on SUNDAY, the 25th July, 1943, at 4-30 P.M. (New Time) to transact the following business:—

1. To elect three Directors on behalf of the Company's Policyholders in the place of those who are retiring in accordance with the amended Insurance Rules.
2. Applications from eligible persons prepared to accept office as elected Directors of he Company are invited. Such applications must be sent by registered post so as to reach the Company's Registered Office not less than two months before the date of this Meeting. Such applications should be made in English or Marathi language giving the applicant's name and address and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by Policies.
3. A person shall be eligible for election of a Director on behalf of the Policyholders if he is holding otherwise than as assignee of one or more Policies of Life Insurance issued by this Company subject nevertheless to the following requirements namely:—
   (a) Policies shall insure either a total sum, including any bonuses that may have attached to them before the date of this Meeting of not less than Rs. 3,000|- or Annuities on human life of a total amount of not less than Rs. 250|- per annum.
   (b) Each Policy held in compliance with clause (a) above shall have been in force for not less than two years on the date of this Meeting and should be free from any encumbrance.
4. Every Policyholder who desires to attend this Meeting should apply to the Company for a Certificate of Admission and such application should reach the Company's Registered Office not less than two months before the date of this Meeting.
5. Only such Policyholders whose Policies shall have been in force for atleast six months on the date of this Meeting will be eligible to vote.
6. Every Policyholder present at this Meeting can vote in person or by proxy. If it is intended to vote by proxy, proxy must be sent so as to reach the Company's Registered Office atleast one month before the date of this Meeting. No Policyholder can appoint more than one proxy irrespective of the number of Policies held by him. Proxy Forms will be supplied to the Policyholders on request to that effect.

By Order of Board of Directors,
A. N. GADGIL,
W. N. KALANTRE,
Secretaries.

Poona 2.
15th April, 1943.

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TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES (Purchase Branch), Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of the store detailed below:—

Miscellaneous fittings for Sanitary Stores 171-1|2 Doz.
Tender No. SY|8A|4414

The price of the tender forms, etc., is Rs. 2|- per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or in Money Order only to the Controller of Supplies (Purchase Branch), Bombay, quoting tender No. and remitter's full address on the coupon.

Tenders will be received up-to 4 p. m. on 30-4-1943.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of MANAGER for the BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, LTD., Poona, on a salary of Rs. 300—40—500 p. m. Only men having initiative and organising capacity and with appropriate academic qualifications and sufficiently long experience of work in reputed banks should apply. If called for an interview, candidates will have to come at their own expense. The selected candidate will have to join duty on 1st July, 1943. Applications should be addressed to the Chairman so as to reach him before the 10th of May, 1943.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

RESTRICTION ON TRAVELLING BETWEEN BOMBAY AND KALYAN

IT IS NOTIFIED that, with effect from 25th April, 1943, holders of ordinary or season ticket or Residential Free Pass of ANY class available between Bombay (Victoria) and any station up to and inclusive of Karjat or Kasara (whether by Harbour Branch or Main Line) will not be allowed to travel between Bombay (Victoria) and KALYAN (both inclusive) by 5 Dn. and 6 Up Punjab Mails, 197 Dn. and 198 Up Peshawar Expresses, 1 Dn. and 2 Up Calcutta Mails via Nagpur, 7 Dn. and 8 Up Calcutta Mails via Allahabad, 9 Dn. and 10 Up Madras Mails, 35 Dn. and 36 Up Madras Expresses, 3 Dn. and 4 Up Poona Mails and 19 Dn. Poona Express.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING* of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Monday, the 3rd May 1943, at 2 P. M. (Bombay Time) for the consideration of the following business:—

1. (a) Resolution of the Standing Committee—Reporting that Mr. Rajaram B. Raut has ceased to be a member of the Standing Committee on account of his absence from the meetings of the Committee for the maximum period permissible under the Municipal Act; and (b) Election of a member on the Committee.
2. (a) Letter from the Secretary B. B. & C. I. Railway Local Advisory Committee—Requesting the Corporaton to elect a representative on the advisory Committee and (b) Election of a representative on the Committee.
3. Election of one member on the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee to fill in a casual vacancy.
4. Election of one member on the Tramways and Telephone Committee to fill in a casual vacancy.
5. Interpellations.

6-8. Letters from the authorities of the—(6) Maharashtra Seva Mandal; (7) Shree Ayurvediya Dharmarth Dawakhana Mandal's dispensaries at Kamathipura, Dongri and Fort; and (8) Bombay City Ambulance Corps—Applying for grants-in-aid of their respective institutions for the year 1943-44.

9-12. Letters from the authorities of the (9) Mharashtra Mitra Mandal; (10) Model Industrial School, Vithalbhai Patel Road; (11) Victoria Memorial School for the Blind; and (12) Hindu Deen Daya Sangh (Anath Arbhakalaya)—Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

13-16. Letters from the authorities of the (13) Bhagini Samaj T. N. Malvi Bal Mandir; (14) Nakhuda Moholla Bachalshah Talimkhana; (15) Bai Yamunabai L. Nair Charitable Hospital; and (16) Shree Shivaji Vyayam Mandir, Bhoiwada—Thanking the Corporation for giving grants-in-aid of their respective institutions for the year 1942-43.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

17. Regarding the creation of certain temporary posts.
18. Regarding the creation of a temporary post of Inspector in connection with the work of reopening closed wells, etc., in the City.
19. Regarding the construction of water storage tanks in different parts of the City for dealing with fires.
20. Recommending an additional grant to meet the payment of a bill for 1941-42.
21. Forwarding a list of letters from the Municipal Chief Auditor pending disposal by the Standing Committee.
22. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditor's report on the examination of the ledgers etc., of the Assessment Department.
23. Regarding curtailment in the printing of the copies of agenda papers, etc.
24. Regarding the question of bringing certain temporary, etc. staff on the permanent establishment.
25. Resolution of the Improvements Committee—Regarding the question of removal of encroachments on open spaces in ex-Trust estates, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

26. Regarding the desirability of withdrawing the licences granted to squatters for hawking at Lamington Road.
27. Regarding estimates for cleaning water pipes and fittings of consumers in the Dadar-Matunga area.
28. Regarding revised estimates for the work of laying a pipe line for water supply outside the City, etc.
29. Regarding plan and estimate for the provision of a water main in Sleater Road, etc.
30. Regarding supply of water to Government outside the City, etc.
31. Regarding supply of water for a brick factory at Kurla.
32. Regarding revised estimates for the scheme of establishing Rest Camp Centres in the City.
33. Reporting the death of Dr. J. P. Padshah, Dean of the K. E. M. Hospital and Seth G. S. M. College, etc.
34. Regarding the question of transferring the Slaughter Houses from Bandra to Deonar.
35. Regarding the reservation of a plot of land at the junction of Haines Road, Love Grove Road and Fergusson Road, for recreation purposes.
36. Regarding the question whether the Corporation can join the Local Self-Government Institute as a member.
37. Regarding the suspension of the publication of the Bombay Municipal List.
38. Regarding the question of amending the Municipal Act so as to provide for the scrutiny by the Improvements Committee of the Budget Estimate "B".
39. Regarding representation to Government for allotting to the Corporation additional sources of income.
40. Regarding the question of inserting in the leases of land granted to private trusts a covenant to limit the liabilities of the trustees thereof.
41. Regarding modification of a proviso in the standard form of lease relating to encroachments on the compulsory open spaces of ex-Trust plots.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S LETTERS—

42. Regarding an extraordinary increment given to a clerk in the Schools Committee's office.
43. Regarding the question of confirming the teachers under the Schools Committee who have put in more than one year's service.

Communications from the Commissioner—

44. Forwarding the monthly Analytical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.
45. Forwarding lists showing the breeding places of Malaria carrying mosquito detected in February and March 1943.
46. Regarding change of user of a plot at Nowroji Hill Estate.
47. Reporting on an application for gratuity from an ex-Municipal employee.
48. Regarding the question of acquiring and renovating the buildings in which Municipal schools are housed at present, etc.
49. Forwarding half-yearly report of the work done in the Municipal Laboratory.
50 Regarding sheds constructed on the compulsory open spaces of certain plots at Sandhurst Road (West) Estate.
51. Regarding the election of Mr. N. J. Gor as a Councillor.
52. Reporting the reasons for the delay in submitting reports on certain Corporation Resolutions.
53. Forwarding quarterly statement showing the quantity of water brought into the City from various lakes, etc.
54. Regarding a proposal to lease certain land to the Government of India.
55. Forwarding the views of the Schools Committee on the scheme for the supply of milk to the undernourished and needy children in Municipal Schools.
56-60. Letters from (56) Mr. Keshao Ganesh Tambe; (57) Dr. B. H. Rajadhyaksha; (58) Mr. M. R. Borade; (59) Mr. H. Chamberlain; and (60) Dr. Poonsey H. Meisheri—Applying for leave of absence from the Meetings of the Coporation.
61. Letter from the Municipal Secretary—Requesting the Corporation to appoint representatives on the Managing Boards of Institutions to which grants are made.
62. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.
63. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

64. From Mr. S. S. Mirajkar—For amendng the Municipal Act so as to provide for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor and a Deputy Chairman for each of the Statutory Committees.
65. From Mr. Mancherji E. Joshi—For taking steps to provide a water main at Bhau Daji Cross Lane at Matunga etc.

B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 22nd April 1943.

*The day, time and place of the Meeting have been fixed by the Commissioner in exercise of the power vested in him under Section 60-A of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, as amended by Bombay Act XV of 1942.

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NOTICE

Wanted Medical Practitioners either L.C.P.S. or M.B.B.S. for anticholera duty in East Khandesh District on Rs. 75 and Rs. 90 p.m. respectively plus Rs. 25 as fixed T.A. Intending candidates should send their applications to the undersigned before 1st May, 1943.

R. B. PATIL.
President,
D. L. BOARD, E. K.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY

AIR CONDITIONED SERVICE BOMBAY-MADRAS and VICE VERSA

The air-conditioned coach on 35 Dn. Madras Express leaving Victoria on 25th April 1943 and 21 Up Bombay Express leaving Madras Central on 27th April 1943, will not run.

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Public Notices

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the Owners and Drivers of Motor Vehicles in the Bombay Region that the Motor Vehicles Department, Bombay, will be open for urgent work only from 26th to 30th April, 1943 (both days inclusive). During this period the Department will deal with registration of new motor vehicles, renewals of driving licences and acceptance of motor vehicles tax; there will be no inspection of motor vehicles, driving tests or issue of learners' licenses.

E. SHEEHY,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
M. V. & Taxation, Bombay.
Motor Vehicles Dept.,
Gymnasium Road,
Bombay, 21st April, 1943.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. JAMNADAS PARBHUDAS has contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to Mr. DAMODER TRIBHOWANDAS KAPADIA, who in his turn has contracted to sell the same to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said properties by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease, or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as walved.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES:—

FIRST:—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land with the messuages tenements and dwelling house known by the name of "RAM NIVAS", standing thereon and being Plot No. 119 of Soparibaug Estate of the Municipality of Bombay in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 749 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of the Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 566(1) and Old Street No. 1, New Street Nos. 211-217 and 21-29 and forming portion of land, bearing New Survey No. 2582 and Cadastral Survey No. 10/74 of Parel and Sewri Division and which said premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the land of the Board laid out as a service passage, on or towards the South by Plot No. 120 of the said Estate, on or towards the West by the Soparibaug Road and on or towards the North by the Chamarbaug Road.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land, with the messuages tenements and dwelling house known as 'SITA NIVAS' standing thereon and being Plot No. 120 of the Soparibaug Road Estate of the Board in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 707 square yards or thereabouts and forming portion of land registered under New Survey No. 2582 and Cadastral Survey No. 11/74 of the Parel and Sewri Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward No. 565(1), Old Street No. 79, New Street Nos. 219-227 and bounded on the East by the land of the Board laid out as a service passage, on the South by Plot No. 121, on the West by the Soparibaug Road and on the North by Plot No. 119.

THIRDLY:—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land with the messuages tenements and dwelling house known by the name of "LAXMAN NIVAS", standing thereon and being Plot No. 121 of the Soparibaug Road Estate of the Board in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 707 square yards or thereabouts and forming portion of land registered under New Survey No. 2582 and Cadastral Survey No. 12/74 of Parel and Sewri Division and assessed by the assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 564(1), Old Street No. 77 and New Street Nos. 229-235 and bounded, on the East by the land of the Board laid out as a service passage, on the West by the Soparibaug Road, on the North by Plot No. 120 of the said Estate and on the South by a Road 40 feet in width.

FOURTHLY:—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land with the messuages tenements and dwelling house known by the name of "BHARAT NIVAS", standing thereon, containing by admeasurement 826 square yards or thereabouts and being Plot No. 133 of Soparibaug Road Estate of the Board in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 566(2) Old Street No. 1(a) and New Street No. 10 and forming portion of land, bearing New Survey No. 2582 and Cadastral Survey No. 14/74 of Parel and Sewri Division and which said premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on the East by a Road 20 feet in width, on the South by Plot No. 132 of the said Estate, on the West by the land of the Board laid out as a service passage and on the North by the Chamarbaug Road.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1943.

MULLA & MULLA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai SAFIABAI, daughter of Haji Ayub Haji Sheriff, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to Mr. PRANJIWANDAS HURGOWANDAS GANDHI, who in his turn has contracted to sell the same to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of leasehold land, being Plot No. 131 of the Soparibag Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 664 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue along with other land under New Survey No. 2582 and Cadastral Survey No. 101/74 of the Parel Sewree Division together with the dwelling-house and all buildings standing thereon and known as "Safia Terrace" and bounded, on the East by a 20 feet wide Road, on the west by land of the Board laid out as a service passage, on the North by Plot No. 132 of the said Estate and on the South by a 40 feet wide Road and which premises are assessed under F Ward No. 564(2) Old Street No. 77A and New Street No. 14.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1943.

MULLA & MULLA.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ben KUSUM, daughter of Manilal Chhaganlal and wife of Krishnalal Thakordas Shroff, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to Mr. Damodar Tribhowandas Kapadia, who in his turn has contracted to sell the same to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece of leasehold land being Plot No. 104 of the Soparibag Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 682 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered along with other land under New Survey No. 2582 and Cadastral Survey No. 110/74 of the Parel Sewree Division together with the dwelling-house and all buildings standing thereon known as "Laxmi Building" and bounded, on the East by land of the Board reserved for play ground, on the West by a 20 feet wide Road, on the North by a passage 10 feet in width and beyond that by Plot No. 103 of the said Estate and on the South by Plot No. 105 of the said Estate leased to Ebrahim Jaffar Mistry and which premises are assessed under F Ward No. 567 (9) Old Street No. 814 and New Street No. 7.

Dated this 21st day of April 1943.

MULLA & MULLA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that IBRAHIM ISMAIL KAPADIA, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all incumbrances.

ALL persons having any interest in or claim against or to the said property or any part or parts thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, exchange, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, possession, maintenance, dower, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office situate at 24-26 Dalal Street Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed, if at all, without reference to such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of leasehold land, situate at and near the Ripon Road in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 331 square yards or thereabouts registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 135 and 524 and bearing Cadastral Survey No 1735 of Byculla Division together with the messuages tenements and buildings standing thereon assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward E. Ward No. 3877 (12) and Street Nos. 185 and 187 and bounded as follows:—on the North by the property of Rahimtulla Haji Khamisa, on the East by the property of Jafferji Ibrahimji, on the South by the property of Hassanalli Ibrahimji and others and on or towards the West by Ripon Road aforesaid.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1943.

EBRAHIM & DADLA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

WITH REFERENCE to the notice appearing over the signature of Messrs. SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT, Attorneys for Yusufally Amiji & Sons in the "Bombay Chronicle" of the 20th and 21st instant, my client Mr. ABDUL HUSSEIN MULLA FAZALALLI, denies that Yusufalli Amiji and Sons are the sole and absolute owners of the Liberty Brass, Iron and Mechanical Works at No. 64-68, Undria Street. My client as a partner in the said factory under Deed of Partnership dated 1-2-1942 has not yet received his share in the said partnership and the partnership has not yet been dissolved. My client's partner Mahomed Jaffe Mahomed Hasham was not competent to sell the said factory, the stock-in-trade and goodwill thereof and the sale deed in favour of Yusufalli Amiji & Sons is null and void and not binding on my client.

Persons who deal with the said Yusufalli Amiji & Sons as owners will do so at their own risk.

Bombay, 21st April, 1943.

CHHOTALAL JEKISONDAS GHIA,
Advocate for Abdul Hussein Mulla Fazalalli.

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Auction Sales

BONAFIDE SALE

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BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE, Westing house 11 V. Radio, Baby Grand Piano, Marell Table Fan etc., on the 29th inst. at 2-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) at "Mahette House" No. 39 Khotachi Wadi opposite Majestic Cinema, Girgaum. Property of a Gentleman.

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